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SUBJECT: LANG AFRIQUE SUGAR PROJECT

REF: STATE 194277

1. PLEASE HAVE HOFKER AND STEIN TELEPHONE AMBASSADOR AT RESIDENCE UPON ARRIVAL HOTEL IVOIRE SEPTEMBER 8 (TELEPHONE: 34-96-98). WE CAN ARRANGE GET TOGETHER THAT DAY.

2. FINANCE MINISTER BEDIE WILL DO HIS BEST TO SEE THEM MONDAY. HE RETURNS LATE SUNDAY NIGHT FROM STATE WEDDING UP-COUNTRY, HAS "ALL-DAY" MEETING OF COUNCIL OF STATE ON MONDAY AND LEAVES TUESDAY FOR NEW YORK. HE HAS PROMISED ME TO "SQUEEZE IN" A VISIT.

3. WE HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT ALSO FOR MONDAY WITH MINISTER OF PLAN DIAWARA, BUT IN VIEW OF HIS RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND SAME ALL-DAY MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HOFKER AND STEIN TO SEE HIM UNTIL TUESDAY.

4. DOES DEPARTMENT SEE ANY OBJECTION MY ACCOMPANYING HOFKER AND STEIN ON THESE TWO APPOINTMENTS? I DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR FULLY ENDORSING THEIR POSITION, IN VIEW OF POOR SHOWING LANG HAS MADE SO FAR, BUT IT WOULD PROVIDE CHECK ON WHAT THEY AND MINISTERS SAY. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR JUNIOR OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY

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